

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An image converting apparatus for converting document data ~~constituted by containing plural sorts having a plurality of types of draw-drawing objects into image data constituted by a plurality of pixel data, the apparatus comprising:~~

~~first conversion means for converting said document data into first image data;~~

~~second conversion means for converting said first image data into second image data; and~~

~~a plurality of tables provided in correspondence with respectively corresponding to at least one of plural sorts of draw the plurality of types of drawing objects and containing information to which the image converting apparatus refers when said first image data acquired by converting the sort of draw object corresponding thereto is converted into said second image data; wherein:~~

~~said second conversion means includes:comprises,~~

~~area creating means for subdividing the first image data into a plurality of areas;~~

~~area unit conversion means, as to each of areas obtained by subdividing said first image data by plural number, for converting first image data of within one or more of said the plurality of areas into corresponding second image data, while referring to one or more of said tablessaid table that respectively correspond corresponding to a sort of drawtype of drawing object contained in said one or more of the areas;~~

~~pixel unit conversion means, as to each of pixel data constituting said first image data, for converting individual said pixel data corresponding to one or more pixels within one or more of~~

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the plurality of areas into corresponding second image data, while referring to said one or more of said tables that respectively correspond to a type of drawing object table corresponding to a sort of draw object indicated by said the individual pixel data; and

conversion switching means for applying said pixel unit conversion means to such an areaareas wherein at least two of said plurality of tables are corresponded to sorts of drawcorrespond to respective types of drawing objects contained therein, and for applying said area unit conversion means to such an areaareas wherein one of said tabletables corresponds to is corresponded to a sort of a drawtype of drawing object contained therein or to such an areaareas containing no draw drawing object, within said first image data.

2. (original): An image converting apparatus for converting document data into image data constituted by a plurality of pixel data, said document data being constituted by containing a draw object classified as draw data and also a draw object classified as image data, comprising:
 - first conversion means for converting said document data into first image data;
 - second conversion means for converting said first image data into second image data;
 - a first table containing information to be referred to when first image data obtained by converting the draw data is converted into second image data; and
 - a second table containing information to be referred to when first image data obtained by converting the image data into second image data; wherein:
 - said second conversion means includes:

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area unit conversion means operated in such a manner that as to each of areas obtained by subdividing said first image data by plural number, when a draw object contained in said area is classified as the draw data, first image data of said area is converted into second image data with reference to said first table, whereas when said draw object is classified as image data, first image data contained in said area is converted into second image data with reference to said second table;

pixel unit conversion means operated in such a manner that as to each of pixel data for constituting said first image data, when a draw object indicated by said pixel data is classified as draw data, said pixel data is converted into second image data with reference to said first table, whereas when said draw object is classified as image data, said pixel data is converted into second image data with reference to said second table; and

conversion switching means for applying said pixel unit conversion means to such an area containing both the draw object classified as the draw data and the draw object classified as the image data, and for applying said area unit conversion means to such an area containing any one of said draw objects classified as the draw data and the image data within said first image data.

3. (original): An image converting apparatus as claimed in claim 2 wherein:
as to each of the areas obtained by subdividing said first image data by the plural number, in such a case that a draw object is not contained in said area, said area unit conversion means

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converts first image data of said area into second predetermined image data without reference to said first table and said second table; and

as to each of the pixel data constituting said first image data, in such a case that said pixel data does not indicate a draw object, said pixel unit conversion means converts said pixel data into second predetermined image data without referring to said first table and said second table.

4. (currently amended): An image converting apparatus as claimed in claim 2, further comprising:

first judging means operated, prior to the conversion of document data into first image data by said first conversion means, in such a manner that when said document data is converted into said first image data, as to each of first areas obtained by subdividing said first image data by plural number, said first judging means judges a draw object contained in said ~~area~~first areas;

second judging means for judging as to whether or not both a draw object classified as draw data and a draw object classified as image data are contained in each of plural second areas which are arranged by containing at least one of said first areas based upon the judgment result of said first judging means; and

third judging means operated in such a manner that while said document data is converted into the first image data by said first converting means as to each of the pixel data contained in said second area which is judged by said second judging means in such a way that both the draw object classified as the draw data and the draw object classified as the image data

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are contained therein, said third judging means judges the draw object indicated by saidthe pixel data; wherein:

 said conversion switching means applies said area unit conversion means to such a second area which is not judged by said second judging means in such a way that both the draw object classified as the draw data and the draw object classified as the image data are contained therein, and further, applies said pixel unit conversion means to such a second area which is judged by said second judging means in such a way that both said draw objects classified as the draw data and the image data are contained;

 said area unit conversion means determines said first table and said second table, which should be referred to in the case that as to the second area application-instructed by said conversion switching means, first image data contained in this second area is converted based upon the judgment result of said first judging means; and

 said pixel unit conversion means determines said first table and said second table, which should be referred to in the case that as to each of the pixel data contained in the second area application-instructed by said conversion switching means, said pixel data is converted based upon the judgment result of said third judging means.

5. (currently amended): An image converting apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein:
 said first areaareas are cellisa cell;

 said second area is constituted by a plural number of said cells located adjacent to each other;

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while using a cell unit management table which is constituted by a plurality of entries corresponding to the respective cells, said first judging means describes into each of entries of said cell unit management table, the judgment results of the draw objects contained in said cells corresponding to said entries; and

 said second judging means judges as to whether or not both the draw object classified as the draw data and the draw object classified as the image data are contained in said second area by checking the judgment results of the draw objects described in the respective entries corresponding to said plurality of cells contained in said second area.

6. (currently amended): An image converting apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein:
 while said third judging means uses ~~the-a~~ pixel unit management table constituted by a plurality of entries corresponding to ~~the~~ respective pixel data contained in said second area which is judged by said second judging unit in such a way that both the draw object classified as the draw data and the draw object classified as the image data are contained, said third judging means describes the judgment results of the draw objects indicated by the pixel data corresponding to said entries into said respective entries of said pixel unit management table.

7. (original): An image converting apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein:
 said first image data is RGB image data;
 said second image data is CMYK image data; and

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said first and second tables correspond to such tables on which color correction information is described, when the RGB image data is converted into the CMYK image data, said color correction information being referred to.

8. (currently amended): An image converting apparatus as claimed in claim 2, further comprising:

area unit judging means operated, prior to the conversion of document data into first image data by said first conversion means, in such a manner that when said document data is converted into said first image data, as to each of a plurality of cells obtained by subdividing said first image data by a plural number, said area unit judging means judges a draw object contained in one of said cells, and also describes the judgement-judgment result in an entry corresponding to said the one cell, provided in a cell unit management table which is constituted by a plurality of entries corresponding to said respective cells; and

pixel unit judging means operated in such a manner that while said document data is converted into the first image data by said first converting means, as to each of the pixel data contained in the cells corresponding to such entries contained in said cell unit management table to which such a fact is described that both a draw object classified as draw data and a draw object classified as image data are contained, said pixel unit judging means judges a draw object indicated by said pixel data, and also describes the judgement-judgment result in an entry corresponding to said pixel data, provided in a pixel unit management table which is constituted by a plurality of entries corresponding to said respective pixel data; wherein:

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said conversion switching means applies said pixel unit conversion means to a cell corresponding to the entry contained in said cell unit management table- to which such a fact is described that both the draw object classified as the draw data and the draw object classified as the image data are contained, and also applies said area unit conversion means to cells other than said cell;

said area unit conversion means determines said first table and said second table which should be referred to in such a case that as to the_a cell application-instructed by said conversion switching means, such a fact is described that any one of said draw object classified as the draw data and said draw object classified as the image data is contained in the entry corresponding to said cell of said cell unit management table, depending upon the sort of said draw object; said area unit conversion means converts first image data contained in said cell into second image data by employing the determined table; whereas in the case that such a fact that the draw object is contained is not described in the entry corresponding to said cell, provided in said cell unit management table, said area unit conversion means converts the first image data contained in said cell into predetermined second image data without referring to said first table and said second table; and

said pixel unit conversion means determines said first table and said second table, which should be referred to in such a case that as to each of pixel data contained in the cell application-instructed by said conversion switching means, such a fact is described that any one of said draw object classified as the draw data and said draw object classified as the image data is contained in the_an entry corresponding to said cell of said cell unit management table, depending upon the

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sort of said draw object; said pixel unit conversion means converts said pixel data into second image data by employing the determined table; whereas in the case that such a fact that the draw object is contained is not described in ~~the~~an entry corresponding to said pixel data, provided in said pixel unit management table, said pixel unit conversion means converts the pixel data into predetermined second image data without referring to said first table and said second table.

9. (original): A print control apparatus for controlling a printer, comprising:
the image converting apparatus recited in claim 2 wherein:
said print control apparatus controls printing operation of said printer in response to said image data produced by said image converting apparatus.

10. (original): A storage medium for storing thereinto a program used to convert document data constituted by containing plural sorts of draw objects into image data constituted by a plurality of pixel data, wherein:

while said program is read to be executed by a computer, both first converting means for converting said document data into first image data, and second converting means for converting said first image data into second image data are constituted on said computer; and

said second converting means includes:
area unit converting means, as to each of areas obtained by subdividing said first image data by plural number, for converting first image data of said area into second image data with reference to a table containing information which should be referred to in the case that the first

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image data is converted into the second image data, and said first image data is previously prepared in correspondence with a sort of draw object contained in said area and also is obtained by converting said sort of draw object;

pixel unit converting means, as to each of pixel data constituting said first image data, for converting said pixel data into second image data with reference to a table containing information which should be referred to in the case that the first image data is converted into the second image data, and said first image data is previously prepared in correspondence with a sort of draw object indicated by said pixel data and also is obtained by converting said sort of draw object; and

conversion switching means for applying said pixel unit conversion means to such an area wherein at least two said tables are corresponded to sorts of draw objects contained therein, and for applying said area unit conversion means to such an area wherein one said table is corresponded to a sort of a draw object contained therein or to such an area containing no draw object, within said first image data.

11. (original): A program product for converting document data constituted by containing plural sorts of draw objects into image data constituted by a plurality of pixel data, wherein:

while said program is read to be executed by a computer, both first converting means for converting said document data into first image data, and second converting means for converting said first image data into second image data are constituted on said computer; and

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said second converting means includes:

area unit converting means, as to each of areas obtained by subdividing said first image data by plural number, for converting first image data of said area into second image data with reference to a table containing information which should be referred to in the case that the first image data is converted into the second image data, and said first image data is previously prepared in correspondence with a sort of draw object contained in said area and also is obtained by converting said sort of draw object;

pixel unit converting means, as to each of pixel data constituting said first image data, for converting said pixel data into second image data with reference to a table containing information which should be referred to in the case that the first image data is converted into the second image data, and said first image data is previously prepared in correspondence with a sort of draw object indicated by said pixel data and also is obtained by converting said sort of draw object; and

conversion switching means for applying said pixel unit conversion means to such an area wherein at least two said tables are corresponded to sorts of draw objects contained therein, and for applying said area unit conversion means to such an area wherein one said table is corresponded to a sort of a draw object contained therein or to such an area containing no draw object, within said first image data.

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12. (original): An image converting method for converting document data constituted by containing plural sorts of draw objects into image data constituted by a plurality of pixel data, comprising:

a first converting step for converting said document data into first image data; and

a second converting step for converting said first image data into second image data;

wherein:

said second converting step includes:

an area unit converting step, as to each of areas obtained by subdividing said first image data by plural number, for converting first image data of said area into second image data with reference to a table containing information which should be referred to in the case that the first image data is converted into the second image data, and said first image data is previously prepared in correspondence with a sort of draw object contained in said area and also is obtained by converting said sort of draw object; and

a pixel unit converting step, as to each of pixel data constituting said first image data, for converting said pixel data into second image data with reference to a table containing information which should be referred to in the case that the first image data is converted into the second image data, and said first image data is previously prepared in correspondence with a sort of draw object indicated by said pixel data and also is obtained by converting said sort of draw object; and wherein

said pixel unit converting step is applied to such an area wherein at least two said tables are corresponded to sorts of draw objects contained therein, and said area unit converting means

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is applied to such an area wherein one said table is corresponded to a sort of a draw object contained therein or to such an area containing no draw object, within said first image data.

13. (new): An image converting apparatus for converting document data into image data constituted by a plurality of pixel data, said document data comprising a draw object classified as draw data and also a draw object classified as image data, the apparatus comprising:

first conversion means for converting said document data into first image data;
second conversion means for converting said first image data into second image data;
a first table containing information to be referred to when first image data obtained by converting the draw data is converted into second image data; and
a second table containing information to be referred to when first image data obtained by converting the image data is converted into second image data,
wherein said second conversion means comprises;
area unit conversion means operated in such a manner that as to each of areas obtained by subdividing said first image data by plural number, when a draw object contained in said area is classified as the draw data, first image data of said area is converted into second image data with reference to said first table, whereas when said draw object is classified as image data, first image data contained in said area is converted into second image data with reference to said second table;
pixel unit conversion means operated in such a manner that as to each of pixel data for constituting said first image data, when a draw object indicated by said pixel data is classified as

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draw data, said pixel data is converted into second image data with reference to said first table, whereas when said draw object is classified as image data, said pixel data is converted into second image data with reference to said second table;

conversion switching means for applying said pixel unit conversion means to such an area containing both the draw object classified as the draw data and the draw object classified as the image data, and for applying said area unit conversion means to such an area containing any one of said draw objects classified as the draw data and the image data within said first image data;

area unit judging means operated, prior to the conversion of document data into first image data by said first conversion means, in such a manner that when said document data is converted into said first image data, as to each of a plurality of cells obtained by subdividing said first image data by a plural number, said area unit judging means judges a draw object contained in one of said cells, and also describes the judgment result in an entry corresponding to the one cell, provided in a cell unit management table which is constituted by a plurality of entries corresponding to respective cells; and

pixel unit judging means operated in such a manner that while said document data is converted into the first image data by said first converting means, as to each of the pixel data contained in the cells corresponding to such entries contained in said cell unit management table to which such a fact is described that both a draw object classified as draw data and a draw object classified as image data are contained, said pixel unit judging means judges a draw object indicated by said pixel data, and also describes the judgment result in an entry corresponding to

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said pixel data, provided in a pixel unit management table which is constituted by a plurality of entries corresponding to said respective pixel data.